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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS: US INPUT TO OECD SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS FOR OCTOBER XCSS

1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO AGREEMENT REACHED AT JULY 6 XCSS, OECD SECRETARIAT HAS BEGUN WORK ON A PRELIMINARY FACTUAL STUDY TO SET STAGE FOR DISCUSSION OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER MEETING OF THIS GROUP. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS OUTLINE STRUCTURE WHICH SECRETARIAT IS PLANNING TO GIVE TO THIS WORK AND INDICATE WHERE US INPUT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. DURING JULY XCSS UNDERSECRETARY ROGERS TOLD SECGEN VAN LENNEP ANDOTHERS THAT US WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO SECRETARIAT'S INVITATION TO MAKE SUCH AN INPUT, AND WE RECOMMEND USG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAKE EVERY EFFORT DURING EARLY AUGUST TO PROVIDE WHAT-

EVER FACTUAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE SO THAT SECRETARIAT CAN KEEP TO PRESENT TIMETABLE OF ISSUING DOCUMENT AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE OCTOBER 14 XCSS. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF FACT THAT DOCUMENT WILL BE ALMOST ENTIRELY FACTUAL (SECGEN VAN LENNEP DOES NOT BELIEVE HIMSELF MANDATED IN "FIRST PHASE" TO PROVIDE ANYTHING MORE THAN MINIMAL INTERPRETATIVE COMMENTS ON A BASICALLY STATISTICAL PRESENTATION), SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING OF MORE IN DEPTH WORK ON SELECTED TOPIC AT OCTOBER XCSS WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE US TO GO TO OECD CAPITALS WELL IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING WITH A REASONED PROCEDURAL ACTION PROPOSAL WHICH IS SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE OF IMPORTANT TRENDS AND PROBLEM AREAS TO BE DRAWN FROM SECRETARIAT'S FACTUAL/STATISTICAL PAPER. END COMMENT

2. MISSION'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING TOGETHER E-W ECONOMIC RELATIONS PAPER FOR NEXT XCSS INDICATE THEY ARE PLANNING TO PRODUCE ESSENTIALLY A SERIES OF TABLES WITH A MINIMUM OF INTERPRETATIVE TEXT. GIVEN THE NOTE OF CAUTION, SOUNDED BY NUMBER OF DELS AT JULY 6 XCSS, AND JOLLES' CAUTIOUS SUMMING UP RE "FIRST PHASE" TASK OF SECRETARIAT, LATTER IS WARY OF "OVER-RESPONDING" TO ITS MANDATE FOR A STUDY. MAIN TOPICS WILL BE TRADE, DEBT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, TECH-NOLOGY TRANSFER, EAST-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS, SHIPPING AND FISHING. US INPUT IS STRONGLY DESIRED WHENEVER POSSIBLE, AND AREAS WHERE SECRETARIAT THINKS US COULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL ARE NOTED IN PARAS BELOW. ONE GENERAL ISSUE ON WHICH SECRETARIAT WOULD WELCOME CLARI-FICATION IS WHETHER ANY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO COVER NON-EUROPEAN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY CHINA. IN SOME AREAS, SUCH AS EAST-WEST TRADE, SECRETARIAT SAYS IT HAS LITTLE PROBLEM COMING UP WITH NEW DATA, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD URGE THAT OUR COMPILATIONS BE MADE AVAILABLE. IN SUCH CASES MOST USEFUL INPUT FROM US WOULD BE SUMMARY TABLES WHICH CLEARLY INDICATE TRENDS OF MOST INTEREST TO US, AND WHICH FACILITATE DRAWING APPROPRIATE CONCLU-SIONS ABOUT MAIN ISSUES INVOLVED. SECRETARIAT BELIEVES NATO HAS DONE WORK ON CREDITS AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO WHICH IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE ACCESS. TIMETABLE FOR SECRETARIAT WORK IS TO COMPLETE COLLECTION EXERCISE BY END OF AUGUST.

3. TRADE: DATA WILL ATTEMPTTO COVER TRENDS IN GEOGRA-PHICAL AND COMMODITY COMPOSITION (BY MAJOR CATEGORIES) OF TRADE FLOWS AND TRADE BALANCES, RELATIONSHIP TO GNP, BARTER COMPONENT OF TRADE, EXPORT CREDITS, STABILITY OF TRADE FLOWS, AND POSSIBLY PRICE POLICY. ANY PRICE DATA THAT COULD ILLUSTRATE DUMPING ISSUE WOULD BE USEFUL.

- 4. DEBT AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS: US INPUT IS PARTICULARLY DESIRED WITH RESPECT TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMPONENTS OTHER THAN TRADE, COMPOSITION AND TRENDS OF DEBT BY COUNTRY, DATA ON FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS (ESPECIALLY GOLD), AND DISCERNIBLE TRENDS IN CREDITWORTHINESS.
- 5. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER: THIS SECTION WILL PROBABLY NOT RECEIVE MUCH ATTENTION IN THEIR PAPER BECAUSE OF

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DATA PROBLEMS. INFO ON RESOURCES DEVOTED TO R & D IN EAST MAY BE USEFUL.

- 6. ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS: DATA WILL FOCUS ON IMPORTANCE OF EAST IN PRODUCTION AND TRADE FOR PARTICULAR PRODUCTS INVOLVED. US INPUT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME ON QUESTION OF RESERVES, WHICH MAY BE MAIN DETERMINANT OF EAST'S FUTURE ROLE IN THIS AREA.
- 7. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE: DATA WILL HIGHLIGHT TRENDS IN PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, RELATIONSHIP TO US AND EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS, AND DISCERNIBLE TRENDS IN GENERAL AGRICULTURE AND PRICE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICY.

- 8. EAST-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS: THIS SECTION WILL COVER TRADE, AID, AND INVESTMENT. US INPUT PARTICULARLY WELCOME ON QUESTION OF EAST'S AID TO LDC'S AND LDC DEBT TO EAST.
- 9. SHIPPING: DATA WILL COVER TRENDS IN VOLUME AND RATES IN RELATIONS TO OECD AND WORLD TRADE.
- $10.\,$ FISHING: DATA ON IMPORTS, EXPORTS, AND TRENDS IN FISHING ACTIVITY RELATIVE TO OECD AND WORLD TOTALS WILL BE PRESENTED.
- 11. COMMENT: OECD SECRETARIAT DOES NOT HAVE GREAT DEAL OF EXPERTISE IN AREA OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND US SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO POINT OUT GAPS IN DATA PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE IF IT FINDS ANY IMPORTANT PROBLEMS NOT BEING ADDRESSED.

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